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In re Application of:

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IMPLANTS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 4, 2002. Kindly reconsider the above-referenced application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

26. (Amended) A device for coating an implant comprising:

- (a) a reactor vessel;
- (b) a heating element operatively connected to the reactor vessel;
- (c) an implant support operatively connected to the reactor vessel;

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